THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b) In pursuance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgement delivered in Kartar Singh Vs. Government of Punjab in March, 1994, Review Committees at the level of Central Government as well as States/UTs were constituted to review the TADA cases and as a result of review undertaken by these Committees as many as 11899 cases have been reviewed and TADA provisions have been dropped against as many as 28502 and 20037 persons have been released on bail by the Courts. Further State Governments have also been requested to issue suitable instructions to their prosecution branches to ensure expeditious trial of the remaining TADA cases and not to seek adjournment on filmsy grounds. It is because of the concerted efforts made by the Central Government that as per available information only 1664 persons are under detention. There is however, no proposal to release these detenues. It is the prerogative of the Designated TADA Courts to release them on bail or otherwise.

Concentration of Mercury in Waste Water

2443. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news report appearing in 'Hindustan Times' dated December 10, 1996 that the scientists of the Central Pollution Control Board have criticised the recent Greenpeace report on high concentration of mercury in waste water discharge from a chlor-alkali plant in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Central Pollution Control Board had reviewed the Greenpeace report. There is no possibility of presence of high concentration of mercury in the Waste Water being discharged from a chlor-alkali plant located in Delhi as the plant is based on Diaphragm Cell technology which does not involve mercury anywhere in the process.

[Translation]

Vacant Posts in FCI

2444. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Unstarred Question No. 1709 dated December 3, 1996 regarding the vacant posts in Food Corporation of India and state :

(a) whether the required information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for delay in this regard; and

(d) the time by which the information would be collected?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (d) A copy of the reply dated 3.3.1997 to Unstarred Question No. 1709 dated 3.12.1996 sent for laying on the Table of the House is enclosed as Statement-I and Statement-II.

Statement-I

Date of Fulfilment 03.03.1997
Ministry of Food, Department of Food Procurement and Distribution, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi

S.No., Date and Name of MP (s).	Subject	Promise Made	When and How Fulfilled	Reason for Delay
1	2	3	4	5
1709. Dt. 3.12.1996, by Sh. Ashok Pradhan.	Vacant Posts in FCI	(a) to (d)- The information is being collected.		
	(a) whether a number of posts under the various categories are lying vacant in the Food Corporation of India for the last many years.		(a) Yes Sir.	
	(b) if so, the categories of posts and date from which these have been lying vacant alongwith the number of posts belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe out of these posts and the sanctioned strength of these posts in each category;		(b) The details are given in the attached statement.	

1	2	3	4	5
	(c) the time by which these posts will be filled alongwith the reasons for delay in filling them; and (d) the steps taken by the Union Government for filling up various vacant posts.		(c) and (d) The Food Corporation of India has informed that promotion quota vacancies are expected to be filled up during the current financial year. So far as SC and ST backlog vacancies and category I vacancies under direct recruitment quota are concerned, the Corporation has already initiated action to fill up these vacancies. As a measure of economy, the Government has laid down certain procedure to be followed for filling up of direct recruitment quota vacancies. In pursuance of this procedure the Corporation is seeking approval of Government from time to time to fill up the vacancies on need basis.	

Statement-II

Name of the Zone	Cat. of post	Sanctioned strength			No. of posts vacant		Year in which vacancies arose	
		Regular	Ad-hoc	Total	DR	Promotion	Direct Recruit	Promotion
All India	I	937	13	950	197	67	Most of the vacancies arose from the year 1990 onwards. However, 3 vacancies arose between 1980 to 1989. 8 vacancies belong to the year 1976.	1988-1996*
	II	4268	166	4434	257	216	Since 1992, one vacancy belong to 1990	1989-1996*
	III	33970	6420	40390	4336	1416	These vacancies belong to different years from 1978 onwards.	1987-1996*
	IV	21806	6254	28060	5667	910	These vacancies belong to different years from 1976 onwards.	1989-1996*
	Total	60981	12853	73834	10457	2609		

Reservation position										Remarks
SC		ST		OBC		U/R		Total		
DR	Promotion	DR	Promotion	DR	Promotion	DR	Promotion	DR	Promotion	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
42	17	29	11	30	-	96	39	197	67	* Most of the vacancies are current. The unfilled vacancies are generally due to non- availability of SC/ST candidates.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
56	61	32	50	78	-	91	105	257	216	
887	258	471	105	911	-	2067	1053	4336	1416	
1129	163	430	95	1280	-	2828	652	5667	910	
2114	499	962	261	2299	-	5082	1849	10457	2609	

Fishery College in Tripura

2445. SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN :
SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken a decision to set up a Fishery College in Tripura;

(b) if so, the time by which and the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir. A College of Fisheries is being established at Lembuchera near Agartala under the Central Agricultural University, Imphal, Manipur.

(b) The Central Agricultural University issued an Ordinance with the approval of Government of India, to establish College of Fisheries on 13.4.1996. The Government of Tripura transferred 45 acres of land in January, 1996 for this purpose. Planning and construction of the College Campus on turn-key basis has been assigned to M/s. Rastriya Pariyojana Nirman Nigam (RPNN), a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) of the Government of India. An agreement to this effect was signed between the University and the RPNN on 31.1.1997.

(c) Question does not arise.

Assistance for Schemes for ST

2446. SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the total assistance through several schemes for the Attappady Tribal Block, Palakkad district, Kerala from the Central Government after declaration of this Block as a Tribal Block;

(b) whether there is improvement in the income of the Tribals at Attappady; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Hybrid Seeds

2447. SHRI RAJKESHAR SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether research work for developing hybrid seeds of various fruits, vegetables and foodgrains under the public and private sector is going on in the country;

(b) if so, the achievements made during 1996 in this regard; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to ascertain the benefits of these hybrid seeds to the small farmers?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During 1996 following hybrids in fruits vegetables and foodgrains were developed by public and private sector.

A. Public Sector :

(i) Fruits
Mango - Arka Neelkiran, H-13-1
Annona - Arka Sahan
Pineapple - H 7
Papaya - CP 81
Pomegranate - Mridula

(ii) Vegetale :
Brinjan small Round - ABH-2
Pumpkin - Pusa, Hybrid - 1

(iii) Food Grains :
Rice - CNHR - 3, DRRH-1, CORH-1, Karnataka Rice Hybrid-1.
Maize IC 1705, KH 5991, Paras, Rajendra Hybrid Makka-2, KH 5981.
Pearl Millet - Pusa Bajari 226
Sorghum - CSH 13-R, CSH-4, CHS15-R (SPH-677)

(B) Private Sector

(i) Fruits : Nil

(ii) Vegetables
Tomato-BSS 20